4. As at present surveyed, the Pykara scheme is expected to supply power to the following places from the first year of its operation :—The Nilgiris, Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Pollachi, Anamalais, Dindigul and Palni, Trichinopoly and Madura, Erode and Shoranur will be included from the 4th and 7th year respectively.

The Glen-Morgan scheme will supply power to Ootacamund, Coonoor, Wellington, Gudalur and to some tea estates in the Nilgiris.

The places which are expected to be served by the Papanasam scheme are Tuticorin, Tinnevelly, Sattur, Kovilpatti and Ambasamudram, if the construction of the larger scheme is undertaken. The smaller scheme will be sufficient to supply power only to a few industrial concerns near Tuticorin.

Mr. D. THOMAS :—" May I know whether with reference to the Papanasam scheme any negotiations have been conducted with Messrs. Harway & Co., who are running a spinning mill, in regard to securing block of power ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I want notice. So far as I am aware, no."

Mr. D. THOMAS :—" May I know for how long this question has been under the consideration of Government ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" For some time now."

Mr. D. THOMAS :—" May I know whether any investigation has been made with regard to the scheme and whether a report has been submitted ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" There was no detailed investigation."

Mr. D. THOMAS :—" May I know when this question is likely to be finally decided ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I am afraid not for some years."

Village Courts Act

Introduction of a Bill to amend the Village Courts Act.

*195 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether he proposes to introduce a Bill to amend the Village Courts Act during the next sitting of the Council ?

A.—No.

11-45 a.m. Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know why the hon. Member does not propose to introduce the Bill in the next sitting of the Council ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" My hon. Friend will notice that the question was sent on the 21st May and the answer 'No' therefore means that it will not be introduced in this sitting of the Council."

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Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know why this long delay has occurred from the 5th February 1929 when the Bill was published in the Gazette up till now ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Because the Government have been considering the Bill very carefully."

Introduction of a Bill to amend the Village Courts Act.

* 196 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state when Government will bring a Bill to amend the various defects in the Madras Village Courts Act (I of 1889) that have been brought to their notice ?

A.—An amending Bill in regard to certain points relating to execution of the decrees passed by Village Panchayat Courts which the Government propose to introduce shortly, has been published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*—vide pages 87–89 of Part IV, dated 5th February 1929.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know whether the Government intends to introduce only the Bill as it was published in the Gazette or an amplified Bill ?

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Only the Bill that has been published in the Gazette."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know whether the Government have not received representations that the Bill requires amplification and that there are several defects in it as it is at present and therefore, whether they are not going to bring in a comprehensive Bill ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No ; they are going to introduce only the particular Bill that has been published."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" May I know whether it is for this particular purpose that the Government have taken all the time for consideration of the Bill ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" We had to consult the Advocate-General."

Arms and Ammunitions

Issue of gun licences in South Kanara.

* 197 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of gun licence applications made by the people of South Kanara, talukwar if possible, in each of the years 1926, 1927 and 1928 ; and

(b) the number of licences actually issued ?